RAJE): (a) As per information received from Government of Andhra Pradesh, the number of registered Small Scale Industries in Andhra Pradesh upto 31.12.2001 was 1,87,737.

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by Scheduled commercial banks. As per RBI, there were 22,841 sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh at the end of March, 2001, which were employing 94,728 workers. The information on industry-wise sick SSI units in different States and on number of workers engaged in these industries separately is not maintained.

(d) Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which *inter-alia* include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) and District-level Committee to tackle the problems of sickness, Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions, and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group constitued under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Associaiton, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the banks for implementation.

Launching of INSAT-3C

1314. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has launched its third generation Satellite INSAT-3C in January this year; and

(b) if so, the details of success and salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMA1T VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After successful launch from Kourou, French Guyana, the satellite's orbit was successfully raised from the INSAT Master Control Facility, Hassan, INSAT-3C is now located at 74 deg.E and all transponders have been checked out. The performance of the spacecraft is satisfactory. The satellite has started sending signals and some of the television and telecom carriers have also been loaded since February 20, 2002. INSAT-3C contains 24 C-band, 6 Ext-C, 2 S-band (Broadcast Satellite Service) and one S-band (Mobile Satellite Service) transponders. INSAT-3C will augment the INSAT system capacity for telecommunications, broadcasting and developmental communication activities.

Works on INSAT-4 series of Satellite

† 1315. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works relating to INSAT-3 series of satellite have been completed;

(b) if so, whether INSAT-4 series of satellites are planned to be worked out;

(c) if so, the objectives of above series; and

(d) by when works relating to this series would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Sir. In the INSAT-3 series, two more satellites are to be launched by 2002-2003.

(b) Planning for INSAT-4 series of satellites has already been taken up.

(c) The main objective of the INSAT-4 series is to increase the transponder capacity of the INSAT system in various frequency bands and provide improved services to the nation.

(d) The INSAT-4 series is being planned for completion during 11th Five Year Plan period;

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.